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United States Supreme Court May Decide

The Colored People of St. Louis Will Fight Segregation Measure Recently Passed.

RACE UNITED AND DETERMINED

Legal Authorities Claim Ordinance Unconstitutional. Many Voters Favoring Not Property Owners.

St. Louis, Mo., March 10.—At last St. Louis, a republican city, has voted to segregate blacks from the whites, an ordinance having been passed to that effect Tuesday, February 29, at a special election which resulted in a vote of 52,000 for the vicious measure and 17,000 against.

For once the colored people of St. Louis, usually apathetic, have donned fighting clothes and are determined to fight this un-American ordinance to the bitter end. They are united, have funds and have already decided to carry the question to the United States Supreme Court for adjudication. A long fight is in prospect, with the Colored Americans having every assurance from legal authorities that the segregation measure will be declared invalid in the higher courts.

About five years ago real estate dealers began to agitate the question of segregating Colored people, and with ample funds to create sentiment, soon crystalized a sentiment in favor of such a measure. At first an effort was made to get the City Council to pass a segregation ordinance, but without any favorable results.

Nowhere in the United States do Colored people own and live in finer homes than in St. Louis. They can also boast of having some of the finest school buildings in the United States. They have always lived in any section desired and are confident that this state of affairs will continue.

Many Favoring Ordinance Do Not Own Homes.

One of the features of Tuesday's election was that most of the whites voting for segregation were not property owners.

Two ordinances were voted upon, one providing that a white person or Colored cannot become a resident in a block occupied entirely by those of the opposite race. The other imposes the same restrictions on blocks where 75 per cent of one race lives.

The ordinance becomes effective in ten days unless an injunction is applied for, which is almost a certainty.

The question has arisen as to what effect the adoption of both ordinances would have, some attorneys holding that there is a conflict between the two. Other authorities, however, hold that the more stringent one supercedes the other.

The election was unusually quiet, with no disorder. One hundred and thirty-five challengers who appeared at various polling places for the anti-

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Something to Make You Think

SOCIALISM.

Editor Monitor: As per your request, I shall endeavor to set forth in as concise, clear and brief a manner as possible a simple exposition of Socialism; and as an introductory I wish to admonish those of you who read this to forget that you are a Negro or a white man. Think of yourself as you really are: either a useful member of society or you are a parasite living off the toil of others. Think of yourself as a WORKING MAN, and if you are, your interests are identified with, and are one with other working men, be they black, white, brown, yellow, tan, red or a pale pink.

When an exploiter of labor needs you to make him profits, he does not question you as to what your color or religion is. All he cares for is your back strong and your head weak? Race antagonisms do not buy bread, beef-steak or potatoes. There is only a slight veneer between wage slavery and chattel slavery and if forced to choose all class-conscious wage slaves would prefer chattel slavery, because then they take on an economic value the same as a horse or mule, and that forces their master to take care of them when sick, disabled or a surplus has been produced, whereas now, when you produce a surplus of good and useful things they shut down the factory and call it hard times, and you, a fool for producing so much for so little in return! Take my advice as to the following; join your craft union. Shun the politician and join the Socialist Party. Now, read on:

Socialism is an economic science. Socialism is Christianity with its overalls on. Socialism is neither religious nor irreligious. It cares nothing as to whether a man is a church member or no. It cares nothing as to his race, creed, color or previous condition of servitude. Socialism aims at the abolishment of poverty and the establishment of social and economic justice. Socialism is pre-eminently an educational philosophy and in proof of that fact it can never be established until a majority of the people become intelligent. Socialism believes that no matter what the color, race or creed of the child, its place is in the school instead of the field, factory or mine.

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From Nebraska to Tennessee

Incidents of the Trip and Impressions Received by Editor on First Visit to the Southland.

MEETS MOST KINDLY PEOPLE.

Pleased With Spirit of Hopefulness, Courage and Progress Manifested by Race.

This is the first of a series of articles on the Editor's Impressions and Observations on his recent visit to Memphis, Tennessee, where he spent ten very busy and delightfully happy days the latter part of last month.

It is believed that they will prove of some little interest at least to many of our indulgent readers. If they give the pleasure our friends are confident they will, we shall be amply rewarded for our temerity in writing them.

When we were about to leave for Memphis an admiring friend said: 'I've heard so many things about the South and I've wanted to know just how things there really are. I am so glad you are going for now we'll know all about it. You will tell us all about the South in The Monitor. We shall look most anxiously for your articles in The Monitor, for we know you'll tell us all about the South just as it is, and we can rely upon what you say.'

When we were told this we felt very much like the old Colored wood-sawyer—and you know we belong to the wittiest race on earth—who was asked 'if he could change a ten-dollar bill. The old chap drew himself up to his full height and with a Chesterfieldian bow, he replied:

"No sah, no sah; but I thanks you foh de compliment, jes de same."

We thank our admiring friend for the compliment, but we confess our inability to deliver the goods. We shall not attempt to tell "all about the South," for that were impossible even for one who is "to the manor born" and a life-long resident of the land of mocking-birds and magnolias. How preposterous, then, would it be for one who spent only ten days in one of the larger cities of the South to even attempt to do more than to give his wholly inadequate and necessarily imperfect impressions of even that city. We know there are people who ride through the country on a train and can give expert (?) testimony and tell you all about the country and people. We are not in that class. It may be our misfortune, but we are not in it. In this same category fall those of the "superior race!" who know "all about the Colored people" from a very, very superficial observation of some familiar street type.

But what of the trip from Nebraska to Tennessee? Be patient and we'll tell about it.

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